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FOLLOWING IS MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FROM MR. BRZEZINSKI CONCERNING
MEETING WITH ECONOMIC MINISTER DE HOZ:

QUOTE. THE ARGENTINE ECONOMIC MINISTER CALLED ON ME THIS
MORNING FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE ARGENTINE POLITICAL
SITUATION. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION, THE ARGENTINE
LOAN FROM THE WORLD BANK FOR \$100 MILLION (FOR INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT) CAME UP. I INDICATED TO HIM THE DIFFICULTIES
THAT WE HAVE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS FRONT. I ALSO INDICATED
THAT UNILATERAL GESTURES IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD,
INDICATIVE OF SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT, AND TAKEN ON THEIR
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OWN BY THE ARGENTINES, WOULD HELP A GREAT DEAL TO FACILI-
TATE THE PROCESS IN THIS COUNTRY. I STRESSED THAT THIS
WAS NOT A DEMAND NOR A CONDITION BUT SIMPLY A STATEMENT
OF THE ACTUAL SITUATION, AND THAT I WAS SURE THAT THE
ARGENTINES, IF THEY SO DESIRE, COULD TAKE APPROPRIATE
ACTION COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR OWN TRADITIONS AND SENSE OF
NATIONAL PRIDE.

DE HOZ SEEMED QUITE IMPRESSED AND IN FACT INDICATED THAT
HE WILL REPORT THESE OBSERVATIONS TO THE ARGENTINE
PRESIDENT AND WILL URGE HIM TO TAKE SOME SIGNIFICANT
STEPS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI.
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